# Daifukuji Soto Mission

## Stringing a Lei of Peace



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See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.

## Nehan-e Service

Sunday, February 9 9:30 a.m.

### Potluck Lunch



All are invited to Daifukuji's Nehan-e Service. This Nirvana Ceremony commemorates the pari-nirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha. A scroll showing the reclining Buddha surrounded by his followers and animals in mourning will be displayed inside the temple. In his last discourse, the Buddha taught that although the physical body dies, the Dharma is eternal. By living the Dharma and practicing the precepts, we can see that the Buddha is always with us. A Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jiko.

Lunch will be a potluck affair, so please bring something to share if you can.

Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Food Basket are always appreciated.

The gift shop will be open.

### 2020 Soto Zen Calendars

Daifukuji members, if you have not yet received a complimentary 2020 calendar, please stop by to pick up the calendar that's been reserved just for you. The calendars are in a box on the library table. Should you not need a calendar, please inform the temple office (808-322-3524, info@daifukuji.org.) We'd be happy to pass it along.

## Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association News

### Hatsumairi

Members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association gathered at the temple on January 5th for their first service of the year called *hatsumairi*. Rev. Jiko presented o-juzu to two new members of the Fujinkai: Yukiko Tomidokoro and Alejandra Kala Duque. Following the service, president Joyce St. Arnault gave her



Kala, Rev. Jiko, & Yuki

New Year's greetings, thanking everyone for supporting the Fujinkai. Announcements were made regarding the 55th Annual UHSSWA Conference which will be hosted by the Mantokuji Soto Mission of Paia the weekend of April 18 & 19. Lorraine Tanimoto talked about this year's October 24th field trip to Hilo. The Fujinkai's pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held later in the year on Saturday, August 15, 2020. Following the meeting, lunch and bingo were enjoyed in the social hall.

Women ages 18 and up are welcome to join the Fujinkai. Call Merle at 323-3553 for information on membership.

## Got fruits?

The Fujinkai would very much appreciate receiving donations of avocados, Kona coffee, mac nuts, dried fruits, and bananas to take to the UHSSWA Conference on April 18. These items are for the UHSSWA's Special Donation Drive. If you're able to contribute any of these items, please deliver them to the temple by the morning of Friday, April 17.

Questions? Please call Merle (323-3553) or Elaine (322-2084).

## Heart and Mind Circle

Tuesday, February 11 5:00 p.m.

by Teri Jigen Hollowell

On the second Tuesday of the every month, we invite everyone to come and be part of the Heart and Mind Circle from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

We will sing and chant familiar and new songs together in the Kannon Hall within a relaxed and friendly circle of friends and sangha.

You might remember from past years when we had fun doing this with Ryan Nakade after his yoga meditation classes on Sunday afternoons.

We will provide percussion instruments for everyone and Reverend Jiko will accompany us on her ukulele. If you wish to bring your own musical instrument to the circle, you are welcome to do so.

Come join us for this fun and joyful meditation of chant and song!



## February Programs



Dharma Study Class - Tuesday, February 4 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Kannon Hall A Path With Heart by Jack Kornfield is the book being used. This session, the final class in this series, will begin at 3:30 p.m. with 30 minutes of zazen followed by an hour of Dharma sharing. Please plan on arriving before 3:30. Late arrivals, please do your zazen sitting in the pews & remain outside the meditation room. Contact Rev. Jiko for information: info@daifukuji.org, (808) 322-3524. All are welcome.

### **Zazen** (Meditation)

- \* Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. 7:20 a.m.
- \* Thursdays, February 13 & 27 from 6:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m.

Both morning and evening sessions include 20 minutes of chanting. Donations may be placed in the box on the incense table. All are welcome. Please arrive at least 5 minutes before starting time. Call ahead if you are new to zazen practice. (808) 322-3524

Family Sangha: A Dharma Program for Children - Sunday, February 2 at 9:30 a.m. Child-friendly 45-minute services which include yoga, zazen, chanting, singing, & Dharma lessons. For children of all ages and their parents & grandparents. Call Rev. Jiko for information: (808) 322-3524.

Young Buddhist Association (Y.B.A.) Meeting - February 2 at 10:15 a.m., Daifukuji Social Hall Pre-teens and teens in middle and high school are invited to attend. Fun activities & monthly meetings. Contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, info @daifukuji.org for more information.

Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation - Saturday, February 1 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Mindfully tracing the Heart Sutra & pictures of buddhas and bodhisattvas in silence unifies body, breath, and mind. All supplies provided. By donation. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir Practice - Sunday, February 2 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Gay Sangha - Friday, February 7 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A Buddhist group open to all, with a particular invitation to gay women and men and their families and friends. Meetings are the first Fridays of each month at 6:00 pm. Meditation and discussion. Call Clear or Steve at (808) 328-0329.

### T'ai Chi

Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Wednesdays at 12 noon, Thursdays at 9 a.m. All classes are one hour. \$5.00 per class. No prior experience is necessary. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema: (808) 345-1492.

#### Yoga

Mondays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or <a href="mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com">liz217a@hotmail.com</a>.

Thursday mornings and Sunday afternoons with instructor Ambika Rose. See page 5 for more information.

For information on programs such as Taiko, Project Dana, Bare Bones Writers, Sangha Sisters Women's Circle, Soleful Strutters Walking Moai & Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, please go to: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html">http://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html</a>.

## In Memoriam



To the family of the late **Jeanette Inaba Tinnel** who passed away on
December 25, 2019 at the age of 86, we express our deepest sympathy.

Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu

### Mahalo Nui Loa

The Family Sangha (Sunday School) received a generous donation of \$100 from the Fujinkai. Thank you, Daifukuji Fujinkai!

## Welcome, New Members

Our sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

Sherry & Owen Yamaguchi

Irene Matsuo

Dan Gordon & Becky Safarik

New members are always welcome. For information, see Rev. Jiko or visit our website: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org">http://www.daifukuji.org</a>.

## Serenity Sunday: A Peaceful Start to Your Week

Sunday, February 16, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Clear Houn Englebert on "Feng Shui"



Join us for meditation, Qigong, & talks on mindful living. Youth, who are able to sit in silence, are welcome to meditate with the adults at 9:00 a.m. Families with young children are welcome to start with Qigong at 9:30 a.m.

8:50 a.m. Arrive and settle in

9:00 a.m. Meditation Begins

9:30 a.m. Qigong

10:00 a.m. A Talk on "Feng Shui" by Clear Englebert, Q & A

10:30 a.m. Tea & Fellowship (Donations of refreshments are welcome)

"Serenity Sundays" is an opportunity to start the week in a serene way. The benefits of meditation, Qigong, and mindful living are well documented. Those who learn how to slow down and enjoy the present moment are happier & healthier. This program is free of Buddhist ritual, making it a program that people, regardless of their religious faith, would feel comfortable attending. Our temple offers it with the hope of creating a peaceful society and a bright world. Donations are welcome.

## New Year's Yoga Classes with Ambika

7 Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 February 6 & 13

6 Sundays 4:30 -6:00 pm. January 5, 12, 19, & 26 February 2 & 9

Open to: Temple members & Kona Community, Beginners & Experienced, Drop In or Whole Series

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach, & "Dana" offering

Held in: Kannon Hall inside the temple



Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

I have been teaching yoga for 42 years. The "style" is Amrit Yoga, an authentic, meditative exploration of Shakti (Chi) Energy through intention, breath, alignment, & extention. Following posture we pause, relax, breathe, & let go! We EXPLORE ENERGY. For inquiry: 808-430-2620

Please note that the class originally scheduled for February 16th has been cancelled.

# 8th Annual HAIB Buddha Day Service Sunday, March 8 9:30 a.m.

Kona Hongwanji Social Hall in Kealakekua

Guest Speaker: Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka



The Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) cordially invites all Buddhists on Hawaii Island to this annual gathering held in observance of Shakyamuni Buddha's birth. The purpose of HAIB is to foster friendships and understanding among Buddhist groups and to organize programs for the achievement of peace and harmony for humankind. Admission is free and all are invited. Donations to HAIB are welcome.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Satoshi "Ka'imipono" Tomioka, minister of Puna, Pahala, and Naalehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temples.

Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple is located between Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank in Kealakekua. Parking is ample.

Please let Rev. Jiko know if you can help with setting up chairs at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7th or are able to donate flowers for the hanamido (flower shrine). Help is also needed on March 8th with clean up after the service, as well as the serving of refreshments. For more information on the Buddha Day Service, call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524



## **2020 Precepts Classes**

Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One goes through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jiko and a group of Dharma friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and

enriched by this inner journey.

The 2020 Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held at Daifukuji on the 7th of June. In preparation for this ceremony, classes on the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts will be offered by Rev. Jiko from March through May. Classes will be held weekly. The day of the week and time will be decided once the participants are confirmed

If you are interested in signing up for these classes or learning more about what Lay Confirmation entails, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or email her at info@daifukuji.org. by February 9.

## **2020 Major Events**

### **Bazaar**

Sunday, May 3 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

# **Blessing of the High School Graduates** & Baccalaureate Luncheon

Sunday, May 31 9:30 a.m.

Invitations will be mailed to graduating seniors, who are the children & grandchildren of temple members and who belong to Kona Daifukuji Taiko. Please let Rev. Jiko or Deacon Amy know if you have a graduate in your family.

### **Bon Dance**

Saturday, July 11

### Orchid Show (KDOC)

Sunday, July 26

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, August 15



## Zen Retreat Held

The Daifukuji Zazenkai once again began a new year by inviting teachers and friends from Taishoji Soto Mission and 'Alaneo Zendo, our sister temples in Hilo, to a day-long Zen retreat held at Daifukuji. This day of silence began with zazen and a morning service, followed by shakyo, a vegetarian lunch, & Qi Gong exercises. Then, members from each group shared their Zen journeys, which was followed by two more periods of zazen and a closing circle. Mahalo to all who joined this retreat. Mahalo to Zazenkai members who worked hard to make this retreat possible.

## Library News

### By Clear Houn Englebert



Width is the big news at our library. We were recently donated five books that are almost a foot wide altogether. Just two of the largest books take up half that width. By order of width, here are the latest arrivals:

*The Connected Discourses of the Buddha* translated by Bhikku Bodhhi. This is the Samyutta Nikaya. We had a paperback, and now we've substituted a nice hardback instead.

The Flower Ornament Scripture translated by Thomas Cleary. This is the Avatamsaka Sutra. The phrase "flower ornament" refers to a lei, which is still a common form of adornment in India.

*Treasury of the True Dharma Eye*, Volumes 1 & 2 by Dogen, and edited by Kazuaki Tanahashi. This is the *Shobogenzo*, published by Shambhala.

The Long Discourses of the Buddha translated by Maurice Walshe. This is the Digha Nikaya.

The rest of the new arrivals are more regular size, except the first one is in large format with lots of beautiful color photographs.

Buddhism: the Illustrated Guide edited by Kevin Trainor is divided into four sections: Origins, Principles & Practice, Holy Writings, and Buddhism Today.

The Buddha by John Strong is an excellent short biography of Shakyamuni.

Why Meditate? edited by Clint Willis has articles answering that question by 20 Buddhist teachers.

Journeys on the Silk Road by Joyce Morgan and Conrad Walters is the fascinating story of how Aurel Stein discovered the world's oldest printed book (The Diamond Sutra) in the Dunhuang Caves in China.

The Ceasing of Notions is an early Zen scripture from those same Dunhuang Caves with commentary by Soko Morinaga Roshi.

*Han Shan and Shi De* by Zhou Wenjing and Joseph Janetti is an illustrated history of the lives of these two famous monks. Han Shan wrote *Cold Mountain Poems*.

The last two books are very recently published:

The Mountains and Waters Sutra is Shohaku Okumura's commentary on the Platform Sutra.

Not One Single Thing is Shodo Harada's guide to Dogen's Sansuikyo.



## Stringing a Lei of Peace

by Rev. Jikō Nakade

Aloha dear Sangha,

Have you noticed the new motto "Stringing a Lei of Peace" at the top of

page 1? This phrase came to mind while I was reflecting upon the twenty-four different groups that meet at our temple and make up our Sangha 'ohana. Twenty-four groups, imagine that!

What's truly marvelous is that each group is a flower of peace. Each group that meets at our temple is in some way cultivating peace through its mission. Each group is comprised of bodhisattvas striving to create a better and brighter world by contributing to the good of the individual and the good of society.

When these beautiful blossoms are strung together, what one beholds is a lei called "Daifukuji." Together, we are stringing a lei of peace.

Mahalo to all of our temple groups: Baikako Plum Blossom Choir, Bare Bones Writers Group, Bon Dance Group, Daifukuji Board, Daifukuji Gift Shop Staff, Daifukuji Young Buddhist Association, Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association, Daifukuji Gay Sangha, Daifukuji Happy Strummers Ukulele Group, Daifukuji Lending Library Staff, Daifukuji T'ai Chi, Daifukuji Yoga, Daifukuji Zazenkai, Daifukuji Zen Taiko for Adults, Dharma Study Group, Family Sangha Sunday School, Heart & Mind Circle, Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, Kona Daifukuji Taiko for Youth, Project Dana Kupuna Program, Samu Temple Cleaning Group, Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle, Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation Group, Soleful Strutters Walking Group.

## **Gift Shop News**

We recently got in a very special scroll—it actually arrived on Mochi Making Day. It's from the 1600 or 1700's and the artist is Hanabusa, Iccho who lived from 1652 to 1724. It shows mochi pounding, and there's a darling baby on the mother's back. The price is \$250 which is quite a deal for something so old.

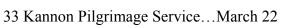


## Coming up in March...

HAIB Buddha Day Service.....March 8

Project Dana.....March 11

Serenity Sunday......March 15



Regency at Hualalai Service.....March 25



## Mochitsuki Memories























Hawaii Nikkei Woman's Trajectory





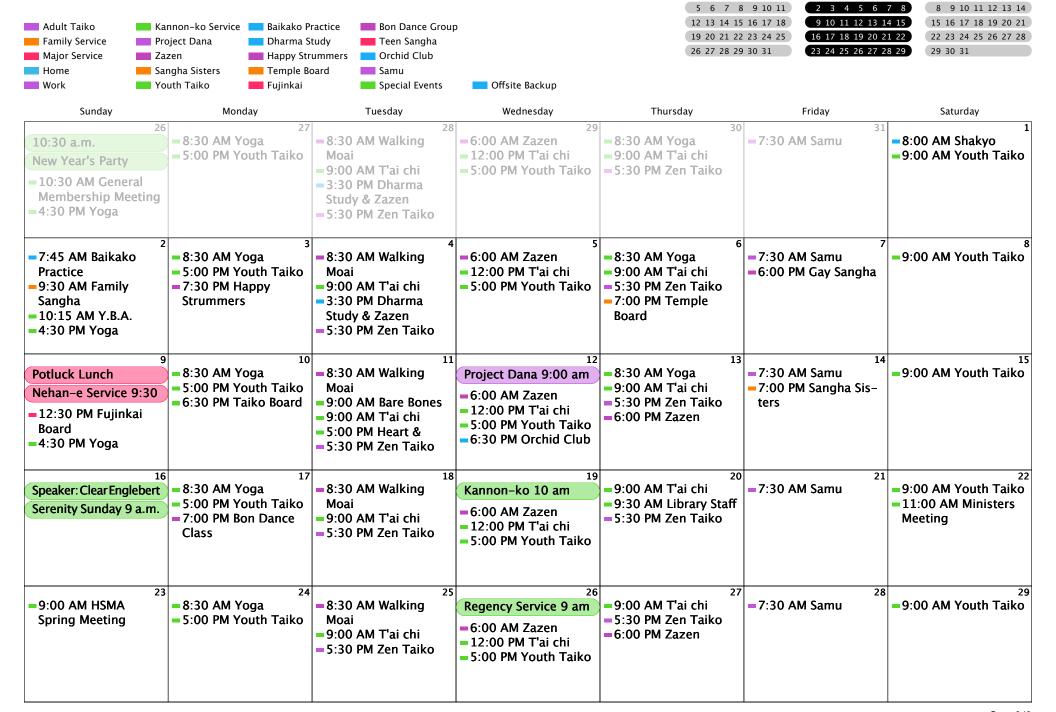
The role of Nikkei (Japanese American) who was never small in Hawaiian history. What kind of history and hardship did the Nikkei woman have? This is record of the history and work hard of Japanese woman who immigrated to Hawaii and Nikkei woman (Japanese American woman) born in Hawaii.

Kona Screening

@Kona Hongwanji Social Hall Feb. 8th Open: 4:30pm Admission Start: 5:00pm

Admission: Free

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